IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention relates to a gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device comprising a first hollow body with an end and a side ~~walls~~ wall, gas generants densely filled in the first hollow-body, an electric ignitor formed by housing igniting agents in a second hollow body with ~~a bottom and sides~~ an end and a side wall then closing the second hollow body with a plug, and a holder positioning the second hollow body in the center of the first hollow body while fixing the first hollow body and holding the plug of the electric ignitor.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A third gas generator of the present invention is characterized in that a part of the full volume is filled with a spacer 7 inserted between an outer ~~surfaces~~ surface of the ~~sides~~ side wall of the second hollow body 4a and an inner ~~surfaces~~ surface of the ~~sides~~ side wall of the first hollow body 2, in addition to the above-mentioned characteristics of the first or the second gas generator.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to the third gas generator of the present invention, an empty space between the outer ~~surfaces~~ surface of the ~~sides~~ side wall of the second hollow body 4a and the inner ~~surfaces~~ surface of the ~~sides~~ side wall of the first hollow body 2 can be filled with the spacer 7. Therefore, even if a form of the gas generator cannot be modified for reason of a design of

a vehicle occupant restraint device, it is possible to lower the ratio of the empty space. As a result, the first hollow body 2 is substantially full of the gas generants 6, thereby an excellent ignitability is obtained.

Please replace the replacement paragraph beginning at page 9, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A fifth generator of the present invention is characterized in that gas generants that are incompressible or hard to compress are filled densely in the first hollow body and a part of the full volume is filled with the spacer inserted between the outer ~~surfaces~~ surface of the ~~sides~~ side wall of the second hollow body and the inner ~~surfaces~~ surface of the ~~sides~~ side wall of the first hollow body, in addition to the above- mentioned characteristics of the first gas generator.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In FIG. 1 a gas generator 11 includes a first hollow body 2 with ~~a bottom and sides~~ an end and a side wall, gas generants 6 filled in the first hollow body 2, an electric ignitor 4, a holder 1, and a spacer 7.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 23, and ending on page 11, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~A bottom~~ An end of the first hollow body 2 is provided with a rupture portion 2a thin in wall thickness. The first hollow body 2 is press-formed so as to have two sections consisting of a small diametral portion on ~~a bottom~~ an end side and a large diametral portion which is a main portion. An end of the main portion is bent to be a flange 2b.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The electric ignitor 4 has a second hollow body 4a with ~~a bottom and sides~~ an end and side wall, igniting agents 4b housed in the second hollow body 4a, a plug 4c to close an opening portion of the second hollow body 4a, and two pins 4d standing on the plug 4c. The two pins 4d are connected to a bridge wire (not shown) being in contact with the igniting agents 4b.

Please replace the replacement paragraph beginning at page 12, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The spacer 7 is, for example, in a cylindrical shape, where a diameter of the inner circumference thereof is substantially the same as the diameter of the outer circumference of the second hollow body 4a and a diameter of the outer circumference thereof is substantially the same as the diameter of the inner circumference of the main portion of the first hollow body 2. The spacer 7 is inserted between the outer ~~surfaces~~ surface of the ~~sides~~ side wall of the second hollow body 4a and the inner ~~surfaces~~ surface of the ~~sides~~ side wall of the first hollow body 2.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the case that the gas generants 6 are incompressible or hard to compress e.g. smokeless powder or press-formed non azide gas generants, the gas generants are densely filled in the first hollow body 2 on the ~~bottom~~ end side thereof. In the case that the gas generants 6 are compressible and powdery or granulated, the gas generants are densely filled in the first hollow body 2 on the ~~bottom~~ end side thereof in a condition hardened by a

compression. The dimension h in the drawing refers to a distance between the bottom of the first hollow body 2 and the filling surface (i.e. the surface formed with filled agents).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 24, and ending on page 14, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Specifically, the filling volume of the gas generants filled in the first hollow body 2 on the ~~bottom~~ end side thereof, shown in FIG. 1, is calculated in consideration of a distance h between the ~~bottom~~ end of the first hollow body 2 and the filling surface (i.e. a surface formed with the filled agents), an inner diameter of the first hollow body 2, and an outer diameter of the second hollow body 4a.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The above-mentioned gas generator is manufactured by the following steps. In the case that the gas generants are incompressible or hard to compress e.g. smokeless powder or press-formed non azide gas generants, the gas generants are densely filled in the first hollow body 2 on the ~~bottom~~ end side thereof. In the case that the gas generants 6 are compressible and powdery or granulated, the gas generants are densely filled in the first hollow body 2 on the ~~bottom~~ end side thereof in the state hardened by compression.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The gas generants 6, which are compressible and powdery or granulated, are densely filled in the first hollow body 2 on the ~~bottom~~ end side thereof in the state hardened by a compression to have a concavity 6a to which the second hollow body 4a of the electric ignitor

4 is just fitted. The dimension H in the drawing refers to a distance between the bottom of the first hollow body 2 and the filling surface (i.e. a surface formed with the filled agents).